

expansion. Instead, there is a very reasonable expectation of those skilled in the art that those claimed aspects would or could be quite different. In any event, Kawabata does not establish that they Applicants claimed characteristics are “necessarily” present as is required by the MPEP. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-17, 20 and 21 stand provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-8, 10-14 and 16 of co-pending Application 10/512,782. Inasmuch as this rejection is the provisional, the Applicants respectfully request that further treatment be held in advance pending withdrawal of the other rejection.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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